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Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW Washington, DC 20554

In the matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives heartily endorses Linda Lord for appointment to the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors to fill the library position.

Ms. Lord acquired broad knowledge of the E-rate program while working with both school and public libraries in Maine as they obtained internet service and accessed e-rate funding. Her subsequent work in providing leadership for libraries across the country in this area has demonstrated her ability to represent libraries of all types in dealing with the difficult and complicated issues relating to E-rate.

Ms. Lord has proven the ability to consider the issues in a businesslike manner. She will be an outstanding representative of libraries while also providing a reasoned approach to determining the future course of the E-rate program.

I am confident her appointment would be a wise decision that would reap benefits in the future. Thank you for your consideration of her nomination.

Sincerely,

Wayne Onkst

State Librarian & Commissioner

